

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health
Health Professional Licensing Administration



Board of Dentistry

DENTIST WRITTEN TAKE-HOME LAW EXAMINATION

ALL APPLICANTS for a license to practice dentistry in the District of Columbia must pass an examination on the rules and regulations governing the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene in the District of Columbia. In order to expedite the processing of your application, the Board of Dentistry has authorized a take home examination.

Both the Dentist and Dental Hygienist "Take Home" Law Exams are included in this application packet. Make sure you take the **correct exam** and complete the **correct answer sheet** for your license type.

THE ANSWER SHEET FOR THIS EXAMINATION MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR LICENSE APPLICATION.

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1. The dentist license is granted for a term of two years and expires on:
 - A. December 31 of each even-numbered year.
 - B. December 31 of each odd-numbered year.
 - C. June 31 of each even-numbered year.
 - D. June 31 of each odd-numbered year.

2. If an applicant for renewal of a license fails to submit proof of completion of continuing education requirements, or fails to pay the late fee within the appropriate time period after the date of expiration, when is the license considered to have lapsed?
 - A. 30 days after the date of expiration
 - B. 45 days after the date of expiration
 - C. 60 days after the date of expiration
 - D. on the date of expiration

3. How many hours of continuing education credit are required for license renewal?
 - A. 12 hours
 - B. 15 hours
 - C. 20 hours
 - D. 25 hours

4. To qualify for approval by the Board, a continuing education program or a course sponsored by an unrecognized professional organization must be submitted to the Board for review ____ days prior to the presentation.
 - A. 15
 - B. 30
 - C. 60
 - D. 90

5. Which of the following statements is/are true?
 - I. The applicant must verify that a continuing education program is approved by the Board prior to attending the program.
 - II. Continuing education credits may be received for participation in research as a principal investigator.
 - III. Each semester hour shall constitute 12 hours of continuing education credit, and each quarter hour shall constitute 8 hours of continuing education credit.
 - A. I only
 - B. I and II
 - C. II and III
 - D. I, II, and III

6. The license of a dentist or dental hygienist:
 - A. may be placed in his/her personnel file.
 - B. must be conspicuously displayed at his/her place of business.
 - C. may be displayed in his/her home.
 - D. need not be displayed.

7. When must a licensed dentist notify the Board of a change of address of his/her residence?
- A. 10 days after the change
 - B. 20 days after the change
 - C. 30 days after the change
 - D. it is not necessary to report a change of residence
8. Which of the following will qualify a dentist to administer general anesthesia?
- A. certification by the American Dental Association
 - B. 20 in-service continuing education credits in anesthesiology
 - C. certification by the American Society of Dental Anesthesiologists
 - D. six months training in anesthesiology beyond the undergraduate level
9. Sixty clock hours of instruction beyond dental school are required in order to administer:
- A. general anesthesia.
 - B. intravenous sedation.
 - C. nitrous oxide alone.
 - D. nitrous oxide in combination with a single oral drug.
10. Forty clock hours of instruction beyond dental school are required in order to administer:
- A. general anesthesia.
 - B. intravenous sedation.
 - C. nitrous oxide alone.
 - D. ethyl chloride.
11. A dentist must remain in the dental office or treatment facility while a dental hygienist is:
- A. charting cavities.
 - B. taking an X-ray.
 - C. performing prophylaxis.
 - D. placing temporary restorations.
12. The physical presence of a dentist is NOT required when a dental hygienist is:
- A. removing periodontal dressings.
 - B. placing rubber dams.
 - C. instructing a group of individuals in oral health.
 - D. applying cavity liners.
13. Direct supervision of the dental hygienist in the use of nitrous oxide requires that:
- A. the dentist administer nitrous oxide while the dental hygienist monitors.
 - B. the dentist checks the patient while the dental hygienist administers nitrous oxide.
 - C. only the dentist may administer and monitor nitrous oxide.
 - D. the dental hygienist may administer and monitor nitrous oxide.
14. The dental hygienist is NOT allowed to perform which one of the following?
- A. monitoring the administration of nitrous oxide
 - B. taking a dental X-ray
 - C. placing sutures
 - D. removing sutures

15. All of the following are considered unprofessional conduct except:
- A. making public claim of superiority in training or skill as a dentist.
 - B. advertising specialty services and including the words "Public Health Dentist."
 - C. sharing professional fees with an unlicensed person.
 - D. violating the District of Columbia controlled substance regulations.
16. It is NOT unprofessional conduct to:
- A. refuse the Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration access to one's office.
 - B. aid others in violating dental laws.
 - C. advertise in newspapers and magazines.
 - D. use drugs to the extent as to render one's self unfit to practice.
17. A dentist receives a telephone call from a patient requesting that her records and X-rays be sent to another practitioner in the same city. The dentist refuses to send them. Is this ethical? Why or why not?
- A. Ethical because the practitioner did not call; instead the patient called.
 - B. Ethical because the dentist had not finished his/her treatment plan for this patient.
 - C. Ethical because the request was NOT made in writing.
 - D. Unethical because a call from the patient is a proper request.
18. A patient presents with mild gingivitis. The dentist tells the patient he/she needs multiple treatments of scaling, root planning, and curettage. Is this an ethical or unethical practice? Why?
- A. Ethical because insurance does NOT reimburse adequately for single prophylaxis.
 - B. Ethical because of the time involved.
 - C. Unethical because periodontal surgery is required.
 - D. Unethical because a prophylaxis is the appropriate treatment.
19. Patient presents with two teeth, numbers 2 and 3, needing MOD restorations and the dentist, because he has time, places additional occlusal restorations of teeth 3 & 4 and 28 & 29 where no pathology was evident. Is this ethical or unethical? Why?
- A. Ethical because it prevents decay.
 - B. Ethical because it recovers more of the insurance benefit for the patient.
 - C. Unethical because a crown should have been placed on teeth 3 and 4, 28 and 29.
 - D. Unethical because this misrepresents the need for treatment.
20. Any person who practices as a dentist or dental hygienist without a license is subject to a fine not to exceed:
- A. \$3,000
 - B. \$5,000
 - C. \$10,000
 - D. \$15,000

*****STOP*****

**THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST.
HAVE YOU RECORDED YOUR ANSWERS ON THE CORRECT ANSWER SHEET?**

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ANSWER SHEET**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

DATE: _____

I certify by my signature below that I am the person indicated above. I further certify that I understand the secure and confidential nature of this examination and will not reveal the contents of this examination to anyone. I hereby affirm that I will abide by the rules of this examination.

SIGNATURE: _____

Please mark your answers as shown below. Do not circle, "x," or mark your answers any other way than shown:

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2. A B ~~C~~ D

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